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September 28, 2011
Via Overnight Delivery

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr.
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC
Request for Waiver of Bond Requirement under Regulation 103-607

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please accept this letter, submitted on behalf of Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC ("Lightyear" or the "Company"), as a request for waiver of the requirement under Regulation 103-607 that all telephone utilities that provide retail residential local exchange services and that have not invested at least \$5 million in facilities in South Carolina must post a bond or other security mechanism. Pursuant to that regulation, the Commission may waive the bond requirement if the telephone utility provides evidence of financial stability as deemed appropriate by the Commission. In support of its request, Lightyear provides the following information.

Lightyear is a well-established telecommunications carrier operating throughout most of the United States since 2004. Lightyear was granted authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange services and resold long distance service in South Carolina by order issued November 18, 2004 in Docket No. 2003-369-C. The Company has a very small presence in South Carolina providing service to both business and residential customers.

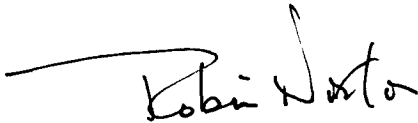
As a competitive provider, the Company provides service by leasing facilities and reselling services of underlying carriers, and hence does not own telecommunications facilities in South Carolina. Nonetheless Lightyear's annual reports to the Commission demonstrate the Company's financial strength and stability. For all these reasons, Lightyear believes a waiver of the new bond requirement for residential service providers is justified. The Company therefore respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting the requested waiver.

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Please direct any inquiries regarding this filing to Robin Norton at 407-740-3004 or rnorton@tminc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Norton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Robin Norton
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